

T. I. HARDIN.

APRIL 11, 1884.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ELLWOOD, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5877.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5877) for the relief of T. I. Hardin, having had the same under consideration, report as follows :

The bill proposes to pay claimant \$100, being the value of one horse belonging to him, and which was killed while in the Government service, in the reconstruction of the locks and dams of the Kentucky River, in 1881.

It appears from the papers in this case that the claimant furnished a horse to Col. D. L. Sublette, assistant United States engineer in charge of the above works, who used the horse in conveying himself and one Mr. Walker to Frankfort and return, and the horse died from the effects of hard driving. The Secretary of War reported that there was no law under which the claim could be paid. Your committee fail to see how the Government can be held responsible for the acts of their agents performed outside of their legitimate duties, and therefore report adversely.

